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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **OVERHEAD DOOR PROMOTES GARAGE DOOR SAFETY MONTH** *The Inventor of the Upward-Lifting Garage Door Shares Industry Safety Tips*

**LEWISVILLE, TEXAS** (June 2, 2015) – June means longer days and more outdoor activity in and around the house. It's important for homeowners to keep their families safe while working around the largest entry point of the home – the garage. June has been designated Garage Door Safety Month by the [International Door Association](#) (IDA) and the [Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association](#) (DASMA).

"The garage door is often the largest moving object and most-used entry point of a home, which is why it's important for homeowners to keep their garage doors and automatic opener systems in proper working condition," said Kevin Jones, brand manager for Overhead Door Corporation. Below, are some industry tips and advice on how to keep your garage door and its opener working properly, and avoid accidents:

1. *Make sure the garage door opener control button is out of the reach of children and their small fingers and do not let them play with garage door remote controls.*
2. *Never place fingers between door sections. Consider pinch-resistant door panels to help prevent accidents.*
3. *Visually inspect the garage door for wear and tear. Pay particular attention to springs, cables, rollers and pulleys. Do not attempt to remove, adjust or repair these parts or anything attached to them. These parts are under high tension and should only be fixed by a trained garage door professional.*
4. *Test the reversing mechanism by placing a 2-inch by 4-inch board in the door's path. If the door does not reverse after contacting the object, call a qualified [garage door professional for repair](#). If the opener has not been replaced since 1993, replace the garage door opener with a new one that has safety beams and auto-reverse as a standard feature.*
5. *While on vacation, unplug the garage door opener unit or use the vacation lock security switch on the wall console, which renders remotes unusable and is an optional accessory to most openers.*



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6. *Do not leave the garage door partially open. When activated again, it may travel downward and come in contact with an object in its path. This also compromises a home's security.*

Visit Overhead Door's [safety information page](#) to learn more about garage door safety and security.

### **About Overhead Door Corporation**

Overhead Door Corporation, based in Dallas, Texas, is a leading manufacturer of doors and openers for residential, commercial, industrial and transportation applications. The company has five divisions: Access Systems Division (ASD), which features the Overhead Door and Wayne Dalton brands; The Genie Company, manufacturer of remote-controlled garage door opening systems; Horton Automatics, a manufacturer of automatic entrance systems; TODCO, the largest producer of truck doors for the transportation industry; and Creative Door Services, Western Canada's leader in providing door products and services to the residential, commercial and industrial markets. Overhead Door Corporation created the original overhead garage door in 1921 and the first electric garage door opener in 1926. Overhead Door now employs more than 3,500 people, has 22 manufacturing facilities, 78 regional sales and service and installation centers and more than 5,000 distributors and dealers that service national builders, national accounts, architects, general contractors and homeowners, as well as major retailers in the U.S. and Canada. Overhead Door Corporation is a subsidiary of Sanwa Holdings Corporation of Tokyo, Japan. For additional information, visit [www.overheaddoor.com](http://www.overheaddoor.com), our [Facebook](#) page or follow us on [Twitter](#) or find us on [Google Plus](#).

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